

matter which includes the first and second rigid attachments and the first and second load cells which attach the first and second attachments together with the first and second load cells being loaded with weight transferred from the first rigid attachment through the first and second load cells to the second rigid attachment. Instead, Hamilton relies upon strain gauges 40, 42, 44 and 46 which are attached to load bar 20 which sense deflection thereof. Thus, the strain gauges of Hamilton correspond to the claimed load cells but do not attach the first and second rigid attachments together and further are not loaded with weight transferred from the first rigid attachment through the first and second load cells to the second rigid attachment. Accordingly, early allowance of all of the claims is respectfully requested.

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